

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2004-259-S

Bush River Utilities, Inc. ("Bush River") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for sewerage service provided to residential, commercial and wholesale customers in all areas served in Richland and Lexington Counties, SC. This Application is made pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. Sec 58-5-240 (Supp. 2003) and the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

The Company has requested an increase in its rates and charges due to increased operating expenses, and anticipates additional increased expenses resulting from Bush River's need for capital improvements and related environmental requirements of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Bush River is applying for approval of a two step schedule of rates and charges to be implemented in two stages. The Application states that the first increase required will raise rates to pay for new costs created by construction necessary for capital improvements. A second increase in rates will be required upon completion of all construction.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30AM on Thursday, January 20, 2005**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room, at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, SC 29210.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5133.

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